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SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN TRADE UNION HEAD CRITICIZED
SCHMIDT'S REMARKS

1. THE HEAD OF THE GDR TRADE UNION (FDGB),
HARRY TISCH HAS OBJECTED TO THE STATEMENTS OF
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AT THE DGB CONGRESS IN HAMBURG
THAT THERE IS NO TRADE UNION FREEDOM IN THE GDR.
ACCORDING TO AN ADN REPORT, CARRIED IN NEUES
DEUTSCHLAND MAY 24, TISCH, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE
SED POLITBURO, REJECTED THESE COMMENTS AS "OUT OF
PLACE" AND "PRESUMPTIOUS." TISCH IS QUOTED AS
SAYING THAT, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SCHMIDT
KNEW THE GDR DELEGATION WAS PRESENT, THE QUESTION
IS RAISED WHETHER THE CHANCELLOR IS INTERESTED IN
THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE EAST GERMAN AND WEST GERMAN TRADE UNIONS.
TISCH SAID HIS VISIT TO HAMBURG DEMONSTRATED
THE DESIRE FOR GOOD COOPERATION WITH THE DGB
WHICH, AT THE SAME TIME, WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO
GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
STATES. BOLEN

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